



PATENT APPLICATION Docket No. 14458.41

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of				
	Darcy W. Greep et al.	Art Unit		
Serial No.:	10/021,607	3739		
Filed:	December 12, 2001			
For:	UTILIZATION OF A MULTI-CHARACTER MATERIAL IN A SURFACE COATING OF AN ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT	TEC		
Confirmation No.:	7181	FECHNOLOGY CENTER	MAR	REC
Examiner:	Aaron F. Roane	GY CEI	0 8	田田
	PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME	NTER R3700	2004	

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period that was set for responding to the Supplemental Office Action dated August 29, 2003 be extended for three months until February 29, 2004.

Check No.135801 in the amount of \$475.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

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Dated this 28 day of February 2004.

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